

******Providers: The DPHHS/QAD Licensure Bureau does not have jurisdiction over these rules. Please consult with your local Building Authority for additional information and clarification as needed.***

BUILDING CODES FOR ASSISTED LIVING FACILITIES

ARM 24.301.146 (40) Notwithstanding any other provisions within the International Building Code, the following adult group residential facilities, licensed by the department of public health and human services will be classified and treated as follows:

(a) Category A assisted living facilities with one to 19 residents, as referenced in 50-5-226, MCA, will be classified as an R-4 occupancy for building permit and construction standard purposes. Automatic fire sprinkler systems are not required.

(b) Category B assisted living facilities with one to 19 residents, as referenced in 50-5-226, MCA, will be classified as an R-4 occupancy for building permit and construction standards purposes. In addition, a category B assisted living facility shall have an automatic fire sprinkler system and provide an accessible sleeping room or space for each category B resident.

(c) An assisted living facility with 20 or more residents, in any combination of category A or category B, will be classified as an R-2 occupancy for building permit and construction standards and shall meet accessibility standards as provided in subsection 1103 of the International Building Code. Automatic fire sprinkler systems are required. A fire wall cannot be used to isolate and reduce occupant loads in order to avoid an R-2 classification.